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CXCR4 RECEPTOR BY SDF-1 IN TREATING  
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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Sir:

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This Communication is submitted in response to the June 2, 2004 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the June 2, 2004 Office Action is due September 2, 2004. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.